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SUBJECT: NATO CONSULTATION ON BREZHNEV CSCE PROPOSAL

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1. FRG FONOFF (MEYER-LANDRUT, DIRECTOR, EAST-WEST
AFFAIRS) HAS INFORMED US OF INSTRUCTIONS BEING SENT TO
FRG DEL NATO FOR PROPOSED MARCH 17 CONSULTATION ON
BREZHNEV PROPOSAL RE CSCE SUMMIT. ACCORDING TO MEYER-
LANDRUT, PRESSURE FOR EARLY RESPONSE DUE IN PART TO
FACT THAT FRENCH ARE ANXIOUS TO REPLY TO SOVIETS BEFORE
CHIRAC VISIT TO USSR BEGINS. WE GATHER FRENCH AND
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GERMANS ARE EXCHANGING MESSAGES OVER WEEKEND ON POSSIBLE

TEXTUAL FORMULATIONS FOR REPLY. GERMAN TEXT HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY GENSCHER OR SCHMIDT BUT FRG DEL NATO WILL APPARENTLY RECEIVE IT BEFORE PROPOSED MONDAY DISCUSSION ON INFORMATION BASIS AT LEAST. FRG EMBASSY WASHINGTON ALSO BEING INFORMED.

2. MEYER-LANDRUT SAID FRG DEL NATO WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE POSITION THAT REPLIES TO BREZHNEV SHOULD MENTION ONLY ACCEPTANCE OF SUMMIT IN SUMMER, WITHOUT FURTHER PRECISION ON TIMING AND SUBJECT TO FULFILLMENT OF CONDITIONS (PARAPHRASE OF DUBLIN COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE).

3. MEYER-LANDRUT SAYS FRG WILL OPPOSE BRITISH IDEA TO LIST IN REPLY IMPORTANT PROBLEMS STILL OPEN AND REQUIRING SOLUTION (HE UNDERSTANDS BRITISH HAVE FOUR POINTS IN MIND). FRG CONCERN IS TWOFOLD. ONE, SOVIETS COULD INSIST ON IMMEDIATE CLOSURE OF DISCUSSION PROCESS ONCE LISTED POINTS DEALT WITH IN SOME WAY, THOUGH THERE MIGHT STILL BE OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN OUTSTANDING. TWO, SOVIETS COULD USE SITUATION OF UNRESOLVED ISSUES AS "GOOD EXCUSE" FOR PROMOTING IDEA OF FURTHER CONFERENCES OR CONSULTATIONS. THUS, IN GERMAN VIEW, WHOLE ISSUE OF FOLLOW-UP ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED. HILLENBRAND UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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